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talked to him yesterday down here. He has a heart transplant. There are probably 530 to 550 stories that Senator Thompson can tell you about the hardships suffered by people who have transplants. I acknowledge that, and anyone who does not feel pity for those people would be inhuman. But we do not have the money to solve or partially solve, in this case, every human illness. We just don't have it. Look at a dollar bill. If there's something that you want that costs a dollar and you have the dollar, you exchange and then you don't have the dollar any more. You only get to spend it once. Now we are going to be asked in this session to spend all sorts of money for all sorts of good things. What we're doing here is every four years we're going to be spending a million dollars of the teachers' salary raise. Think about it in those terms. Think about it in terms that we can only do little with when...when we have little. Do I feel sorry for these people? Yes, I do. Can I solve their problems? Not with my money. And I don't see this as a proper usage of state funds. I ask you to think about this and don't think about the sad stories that can be told, and they are genuinely sad. But what they have done is they have traded that for life, and I don't know what that price is. I ask you to consider this in a mature fashion and vote against it. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Wehrbein, on the motion to advance. Senator Wehrbein waves off. Senator Beutler, you're next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Thompson, let me...let me proceed with question and answer if I could. First of all, with respect to the income level, and let me maybe back up a little bit and just explain to you philosophically what troubles me a little bit and you can talk about that too in the context of the income level. But, generally speaking, as a...as a general proposition, Medicare and the elderly aside, we have the Medicaid Program and we attempt to help people when they reach a certain level, so that everybody in the system has some sort of safety net. And then it seems like every once in awhile we reach up to higher income levels and purport to help or do help with state subsidies or federal subsidies those that, because of a particular kind of problem, are deemed to...to be worthy of a